

#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Authority, Among Other Things, to Increase Rates and Charges for Electric and Gas Service Effective on January 1, 2020. (U39M.)

Application 18-12-009

# ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING SETTING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARINGS

On December 13, 2018, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) filed Application 18-12-009, Application for a Test Year 2020 General Rate Case. PG&E requests authority to increase its gas, electric distribution, and electric generation base revenue requirement by \$1.058 billion in 2020. This is a 12.4 percent increase over its 2019 adopted revenues of \$8.518 billion. PG&E also requests that the Commission grant it authority to increase its revenue requirement by \$454 million, or 4.7%, in 2021 and \$486 million, or 4.8%, in 2022.

This Ruling sets the dates, times and locations for public participation hearings (PPHs) in this Application. The purpose of the PPHs is to inform and solicit comments from Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) customers about the revenue and base rates changes that PG&E proposes in this Application.

For customers that cannot attend the PPH by person, they can listen to any of the PPHs with live-streaming or telephone services available. Live-streaming webcast and telephone services will be available for the PPHs held on July 9, 2019 (San Francisco, CA) and July 31, 2019 (Santa Rosa, CA).

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A telephone-only service will be available for the PPH scheduled on July 24, 2019 in Oakland, CA. These services will be available only at the designated time for the PPHs. More details about how to access these services are described in the schedule below.

The schedule for the PPHs is set as follows:

1. Tuesday, July 9, 2019 - San Francisco, California

California Public Utilities Commission - Auditorium

505 Van Ness Avenue,

San Francisco, California 94102

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Live-streaming: http://www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc/

**Telephone**: 1-877-937-0554 (Enter Participant Code: 7031793)

2. Wednesday, July 17, 2019 - Stockton, California

State of California Building - Auditorium

31 East Channel Street

Stockton, California 95202

Time: 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

3. Thursday, July 18, 2019 - Chico, California

Butte County Association of Government Chambers

326 Huss Drive, Suite 100

Chico, California 95928

Time: 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

4. Wednesday, July 24, 2019 - Oakland, California

Elihu M. Harris State Office Building - Auditorium

1515 Clay Street

Oakland, California 94612

Time: 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Telephone: 1-877-937-0554 (Enter Participant Code: 7031793)

#### 5. Thursday, July 25, 2019 - San Jose, California

Alfred E. Alquist State Office Building - Auditorium

100 Paseo de San Antonio

San Jose, California 95113

Time: 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

## 6. Friday, July 26, 2019 - San Luis Obispo, California

County Government Center - County Board of

Supervisors' Chamber

1055 Monterey Street

San Luis Obispo, California 93408

Time: 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

## 7. Wednesday, July 31, 2019 - Santa Rosa, California

Santa Rosa City Hall Council Chamber

100 Santa Rosa Avenue

Santa Rosa, California 95404

Time: 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

#### Live Streaming:

https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofSantaRosa or

https://www.facebook.com/cityofsantarosa

Telephone: 1-877-937-0554 (Enter Participant Code: 7031793)

\*\*Santa Rosa residents will also be able to view the broadcast through the television on the Government

Channels (Comcast 28 or AT&T 72).

## 8. Tuesday, August 13, 2019 - Bakersfield, California

Public Services Building, 1st floor Conference Room

2700 M Street

Bakersfield, California 93301

Time: 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

## 9. Wednesday, August 14, 2019 - Fresno, California

Fresno City Council Chambers

2600 Fresno Street

Fresno, California 93721

Time: 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

#### 1. Estimated Bill Impacts

At the prehearing conference, the Administrative Law Judges directed PG&E to provide the bill impacts for a typical residential household residing in each service areas where the PPHs will be held. PG&E shall serve this information to the service list 15 days before the date of the first PPH.

#### 2. Public Notice

Pursuant to Rule 13.1(c) of the California Public Utilities Commission's Rule of Practice and Procedure, PG&E shall prepare draft newspaper notice(s) to the customers in each service area where the PPHs will be held, and obtain the Public Advisor's Office (PAO) approval of the draft newspaper notice(s). In each service area where a PPH will be held, PG&E shall publish the approved notice in one or more local newspapers of general circulation for seven consecutive days prior to and including the date of the PPH. The notice(s) shall include the time, date, and place of the PPH, as well as information about any available live-streaming or telephone services. PG&E shall file the proof of publication and sample copies of the notices with the Commission within 10 days after publication.

PG&E shall also prominently post a notice of the PPHs on its website and in all their offices where customers come into contact with customer service representatives.

### 3. Billing Notice

PG&E shall also prepare a draft mail notice to its customers, obtain PAO approval of the draft notice, and mail the approved notice to customers. The notice shall inform customers about the PPHs, the purpose of the PPHs, a summary of the relief that PG&E is requesting in this Application, as well as the date, time, location of the PPHs, and any available live-streaming or telephone

services at the location. PG&E shall provide customer notice via mailing not less than 15 days before the date of the first scheduled PPH.

#### **IT IS RULED** that:

- 1. The schedule for the public participation hearings is set forth above.
- 2. Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall serve to the service list, at least 15 days prior to the date of the first scheduled public participation hearing (PPH), the estimated bill impacts for each service area where a PPH will be held.
- 3. In each service area where a PPH will be held, Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall publish a notice of the PPH in one or more local newspapers of general circulation for seven consecutive days prior to and including the date of the PPH.
- 4. Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall also prominently post a notice of the PPHs on their website and in all their offices where customers come into contact with customer service representatives.
- 5. Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall provide customer notice via mailing not less than 15 days before the date of the first scheduled PPH.
- 6. Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall have at least one customer service representative available at each of the respective PPHs to answer any billing or service questions that individual customers may have.

7. Pacific Gas and Electric Company or any active party in this proceeding wants to present a brief summary of its position at the beginning of the public participation hearings (PPHs), the party will need to inform the assigned Administrative Law Judges at least seven days before the date of the PPH in which the party wants to present, and serve the request on the service list.

Dated May 7, 2019, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ELAINE C. LAU

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Administrative Law Judge

/s/ RAFAEL L. LIRAG

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Administrative Law Judge